
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CREATION OF AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION TRAINING CENTER
AT THE KALAELOA AIRPORT AND AN ADVANCED AVIATION DEGREE
TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT WEST OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the University of Hawaii at West
2 Oahu has evolved and expanded in recent years from principally
3 an undergraduate teaching institution to one with a significant
4 research focus on science, technology, engineering, and
5 mathematics; and

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7 WHEREAS, the State's economic-development goal of
8 encouraging an innovation-based economy relies on workforce
9 proficiencies in science, technology, engineering, and
10 mathematics and requires that students have access to a wide
11 range of opportunities to learn the advanced skills necessary to
12 succeed in an increasingly complex society; and

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14 WHEREAS, Kalaeloa Airport is an ideal location for a world-
15 class flight training center because of its location in one of
16 the nation's ideal flight-training environments, which includes:

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18 (1) Two runways;
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20 (2) Air controller and radar facilities;
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22 (3) Varied weather conditions throughout the year;
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24 (4) Minimal commercial and military aircraft; and
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26 (5) Ample space for the construction and expansion of
27 facilities on the current airport property; and
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29 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at West Oahu is located
30 less than six miles from Kalaeloa Airport; and



1 WHEREAS, an aviation program will assist in the
2 diversification of the State's economy and provide Hawaii with
3 an excellent opportunity to gain a reputation as a world-class
4 training center that serves the Pacific Rim and beyond; and
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6 WHEREAS, a world-class aviation program will attract
7 students from all over the world to train to become aircraft
8 pilots, obtain an advanced technical education, and prepare for
9 the aviation industry of the twenty-first century; and
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11 WHEREAS, a world-class aviation program will offer Hawaii's
12 residents and students access to technical and professional
13 career programs in aviation and will support existing airlines
14 based in Hawaii by offering them the opportunity to hire pilots
15 who are residents of, and have been trained in, Hawaii; and
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17 WHEREAS, a world-class aviation program will complement
18 existing aviation maintenance training activities by building a
19 foundation for broader aviation education services and will
20 enhance the State's economic development and growth by
21 diversifying the State's business image; and
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23 WHEREAS, given the importance of aviation to Hawaii and the
24 anticipated increase in aviation needs in the Pacific Rim during
25 the next decade, the State and University of Hawaii at West Oahu
26 have an opportunity to provide training to Hawaii's residents,
27 which will prepare them for prestigious, high-paying careers as
28 professional pilots; and
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30 WHEREAS, with the rapid growth in transpacific airline
31 routes from Asia to Hawaii and the continuing development of
32 trade and travel between Hawaii and China, the market potential
33 for students and future pilots is growing exponentially, and
34 being on the forefront of this surge is of paramount importance;
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37 WHEREAS, the demand for pilots will be so great that the
38 industry could ultimately face a shortage, sparking fierce
39 competition among airlines across the globe as they vie for
40 candidates qualified to fill cockpits; and



1 WHEREAS, funding through public-private partnerships with
2 well-known and established accredited programs such as Embry-
3 Riddle Aeronautical University, Federal Aviation Administration
4 grants, and support from the business and private sectors of the
5 local and international community, in conjunction with resources
6 available through the State and the University of Hawaii at West
7 Oahu, offers the program the greatest chance for successful
8 implementation; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2015, that the Governor is requested to convene a
13 ten-member exploratory committee with two members each
14 representing:

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16 (1) The University of Hawaii at West Oahu;
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18 (2) Honolulu Community College;
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20 (3) Honolulu International Airport, from the Airports
21 Division of the Department of Transportation;
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23 (4) The Office of Economic Development of the City and
24 County of Honolulu; and
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26 (5) The Hawaii aviation community, who:
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28 (A) Can provide technical expertise on aviation in
29 the State and the implementation of the program;
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32 (B) Shall be selected from a list of Federal Aviation
33 Administration-licensed Part 121 commercial
34 aviation pilots who hold a current airline
35 transport type rating, fly class one medical, and
36 operate aircraft in Hawaii; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exploratory committee is
39 requested to examine the feasibility of and resources necessary
40 for establishing an international aviation training center at



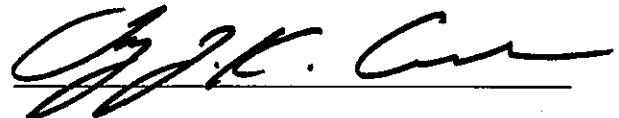
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1 Kalaeloa Airport and an advanced aviation degree training
2 program at the University of Hawaii at West Oahu; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exploratory committee is
5 requested to report its findings and recommendations, including
6 any budget requests and proposed legislation, to the Legislature
7 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
8 Session of 2016; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
12 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the
13 University of Hawaii, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at
14 West Oahu, Chancellor of Honolulu Community College, Mayor of
15 the City and County of Honolulu, Director of the Office of
16 Economic Development of the City and County of Honolulu,
17 Director of Transportation, and Airports District Office Manager
18 of the Honolulu Airports District Office of the Federal Aviation
19 Administration.
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